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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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### CALL FOR BIDS FOR THE SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST INSIDE WATERS SABLEFISH LONGLINE SURVEY

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) intends to use two chartered commercial fishing vessels to conduct a longline survey assessing relative abundance of sablefish in the Southern Southeast Inside (SSEI) Subdistrict. Chartered longline vessels will be contracted for up to 14 days beginning on May 13, 2013.

The survey encompasses a total of 29 longline fishing sets. Chartered vessels will fish either a 14 or 15 set portion. Survey portions will be bid separately. The vessel, meeting all contract requirements, with the lowest bid for a survey portion, will be selected. The survey is expected to require approximately six or seven days of fishing and travel time, but weather or mechanical problems could extend this. Vessels must be a minimum of 50 feet in overall length. Interested vessel owners must provide a vessel captain with a minimum of five years experience operating a longline fishing vessel in Alaskan waters. In addition, three crew members must be provided, two of which must have a minimum of three years commercial longlining experience. The department will provide bait, hooks, and longline skates used on the survey. Survey vessels will be responsible for fuel and all other fishing gear. Two department employees will be deployed on each chartered vessel to collect survey data. Meals and accommodations for each department employee onboard the vessel will be provided by each contract vessel for the duration of the survey. Chartered vessels must provide evidence of having successfully completed a United States Coast Guard Commercial Fisheries Vessel Safety Inspection in the 12 months preceding the start of the survey. Permit holders and vessel owners interested in participating in the survey are requested to notify the department no later than 12:00 p.m., April 9, 2012. The department will provide bid packets to interested parties.

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